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Applicant: Masayuki Tsuchiya et al.

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: METHOD FOR SCREENING COMPOUNDS INHIBITING SIGNAL

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated December 27, 2002, be extended for three months to and including June 27, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$930 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 14875-076001.

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